

# FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of:

# **ANIMAL BITES**

#### Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the patient with an animal bite.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed.
- 2. Control any hemorrhages or other life-threatening injuries.
- 3. Establish IV and administer **Lactated Ringers** (LR) or **0.9% Sodium Chloride** (NS) to maintain SBP 70–90mm/Hg.
- 4. Contact Medical Control and consider pain medication(s) as per FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Pain & Discomfort.
- 5. As local law enforcement, animal control or conservation agent of incident and provider animal identification assistance as needed.
- 6. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
- 7. Contact Medical Control for Further orders as needed.

# **CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations**

None

# **Triage Considerations**

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

# **END OF SOP - NOTHING FOLLOWS**